

Alboin was the last of the Geltings, the family recognized as royal (among Lombards). When in 572 he was murdered by his wife, the chiefs & dukes of the various clans regarded a new king as a superfluity, and for several yrs ranged over Italy, establishing themselves as dukes at their own convenience. From Ravenna, Perugia and Rome, imperial officers

ruled over considerable and almost contiguous territories; the "foot" of Italy could remain defiant; but otherwise almost the whole peninsula passed under Lombard dominion - the dominion of a variety of Lombard dukes who owned no central authority. In the south, the Lombards were few and did not materially affect the character of the population or the traditional organization. In the north where they were at least comparatively numerous, they made Lombardy something distinct from the rest of Italy. There after a brief interval, they set up a new elective monarchy; with all the instability incidental to the elective system.

372-391

Justin II's refusal to pay the ^{Persians} ~~Arabs~~ off began a prolonged Persian War (372-391) which was a steady drain on the resources of the Empire, bringing no counterbalancing gains; though, on the whole, the Persians had the sense in the fighting.

Then Justin II next made,

Unwilling sufficiently to nominate TIBERIUS
CONSTANTIUS as his colleague (the worst
act of his life) and relapsed again.)

572

1012 Dates! J-BK

East Empire
War with Persia was
renewed.

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Persia

Syria was devastated
by CHOSROËS

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War was declared on Persia
by Justin, emperor of the East.

572-591

Justin II terminated paying Persians
for peace. This ignited a war.
Emperor Maurice Tiberius won
this war by restoring the exiled
shah Khosrau II.

The Lombards possessed no particular reverence for Roman institutions, Once in Italy they occupied valley of the PO River with PAVIA as Capital. The Exarch concentrated his energies in retaining Ravenna and parts of southern Italy & Sicily.

The Lombards overran the rest of Italy except Rome & its environs. The various dukes whom the Lombard King had set up

ruled each other in establishing principles

Everywhere Germanic kingdoms had replaced the Roman Provincial Administration.

The Roman civilization influenced its conquerors to a marked degree